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Attachment #1:

Chairman Mao and Premier Chou have learned of President Nixon's expressed desire to visit China again. The Chinese Government welcomes the President to revisit China at an appropriate time.

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Attachment #2:

The Chinese side has learned of the U.S. side's tentative thinking on the settlement of the question of Cambodia. Just as Premier Chou pointed out to Ambassador Bruce, in settling the Cambodian question, all parties concerned should respect Cambodia's sovereignty. It is impossible for the Chinese side to conduct any talks with the United States in place of the Cambodian side. The Cambodian question can only be settled through direct negotiations between the U.S. side and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia led by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk. The Chinese side can communicate the U.S. tentative thinking to the Cambodian side, but as Samdech Sihanouk is still visiting Africa and Europe, it is inconvenient for us to contact him through diplomatic channels. For the sake of accuracy, the Chinese side would like to repeat the U.S. tentative thinking as follows: "The United States is prepared to stop its bombing in Cambodia. It is prepared to withdraw the military advisory groups it has there. It is prepared to arrange for the withdrawal of Lon Nol for medical treatment in the United States. In return, it would like a cease-fire, if necessary for 90 days, a negotiation between the Sihanouk group and the remainder of the Lon Nol group. While this negotiation is going on in Cambodia, the United States would authorize some discussions between the staff of Ambassador Bruce and the subordinates of Prince Sihanouk in Peking. And when this process is completed in some months, the U.S. would not

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oppose the return of Prince Sihanouk to Cambodia. But it is a process that has to extend over some time." If there are any inaccuracies in the above, it is expected that the U.S. side will provide corrections.

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4 June 1973

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMBASSADOR DAVID BRUCE, U.S. L.O. PEKING
via Special Channel

1. I saw Huang Chen today for half hour, at his request. He brought note welcoming President to revisit PRC (attachment 1) and reply to our demarches on Cambodia (attachment 2).

2. I thanked him for invitation to President. I said Premier Chou would be most welcome visit Washington, either in conjunction with any visit to UNGA this fall or of course independently of UNGA. Huang said he had no knowledge of any UNGA trip plans but would pass on invitation to Premier.

3. On Cambodia I said their note's summary of U.S. position was correct. There was little discussion. I reiterated our willingness carry out such an arrangement. I asked again if PRC had any advice on this for my Paris talks. I said Premier if he wished could discuss our proposal with DRV leaders in Peking.

4. I reassured them again on Brezhnev visit and promised him full briefing and consultation before, during, and after.

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5. Warm regards.

Attachments:

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